4. Strengthening the nationwide Strategic Information Management System.

During the FY 2007-08, Rs. 75.3 crores has been earmarked as Central assistance to control the spread of HIV/AIDS in Andhra Pradesh.

Report on conduct of doctors

84. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has taken note of the conduct of doctors who recently have conducted medical check up of students of Sardar Patel Vidyalaya in New Delhi as pointed out by Ashok Agarwal Committee;

(b) if so, the observation of the Committee against the doctors in this case; and

(c) the action taken/ proposed to be taken in the matter by the Government or the Medical Council of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Bill on Clinical Establishments

85. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to introduce a legislation in the Parliament to register and regulate all clinical establishments and penalise those establishment who fail to provide minimum standards of services;

(b) if so, the essential features of the proposed legislation;

(c) whether State Governments have been consulted in the matter; and

(d) if so, the reactions obtained from each of the States, and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) It is proposed to introduce a legislation namely the "Clinical Establishments (Regulation and Registration) Bill, 2007" in the current session of the Parliament. The Bill seeks to provide for registration & regulation of clinical establishments in the country.

A National Council shall determine the standards for clinical establishments, classify the clinical establishment into different categories, develop the minimum standards and their periodic review, compile, maintain and update a national register of clinical establishments, perform any other function determined by the Central Government, from time to time.

Further, no person shall carry on a clinical establishment unless it has been registered in accordance with the provisions of the proposed Bill. However, this would not apply to the clinical establishments of the Armed Forces;

The proposed legislation provides for maintenance of register of clinical establishments at the district level, State level and the National level;